



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center
10770 North 46th St.
Tampa, FL 33617

February 13, 2025

Mr. Chuck Speake
Director, Department of Public Works
City of North Port
1100 N Chamberlain Blvd
North Port, FL 34286

Dear Mr. Speake:

Enclosed is our standard joint-funding agreement **26MCJFA0101** between the U.S. Geological Survey Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center and City of North Port for negotiated deliverables (see attached), during the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$31,310.00 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$11,300.00 for a combined total of \$42,610.00. Please sign and return one fully-executed original to Bryan Carmenatty Cruz at bcarmenattycruz@usgs.gov or mail to the address above.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement by **October 1, 2025**. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned by the date shown above, please contact Sara Hammermeister at (239) 275-8448 or email shammer@usgs.gov to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed quarterly via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Bryan Carmenatty Cruz at phone number (787) 749-7415 or bcarmenattycruz@usgs.gov.

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

Dorothy F. Sifuentes, PhD
Director, Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center

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Joint Funding Agreement
FOR
Water Resource Investigations

Customer #: 6000001223
Agreement #: 26MCJFA0101
Project #: MC00E2A
TIN #: 59-6072227
OPA Approval: 2020MC-11440

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[X] NO[]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of October 1, 2025, by the **U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, CARIBBEAN-FLORIDA WATER SCIENCE CENTER**, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the **CITY OF NORTH PORT** party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation Water Resources Investigation – **Scope of work (SOW) in attachement(s)**, herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$11,300.00 by the party of the first part during the period
October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026
- (b) \$31,310.00 by the party of the second part during the period
October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs, in the amount of: \$0.00
- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www.usgs.gov/office-of-science-quality-and-integrity/fundamental-science-practices>).

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9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered **quarterly**. Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

10. Non-Discrimination. The City of North Port, Florida does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities, or services. 2020MC-11440

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**U.S. Geological Survey
United States
Department of Interior**

City of North Port

Signature

By _____ Date: 2/13/2025
Name: Dorothy F. Sifuentes, PhD
Title: Director, Caribbean-Florida Water Science
Center

Signatures

By _____ Date: _____
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FY-2026 Cooperative Data Collection Program

The U.S. Geological Survey welcomes the opportunity to continue partnering with you in defining and improving the overall understanding of the water resources of Southwest Florida.

If you have any question, please call Sara Hammermeister at (239) 850-0808 or write at shammer@usgs.gov.

Summary of USGS Fiscal Year 2026 Cooperative Data Collection Program with the City of North Port

USGS Cooperative Matching Funds:	\$11,300
City of North Port:	\$31,310
Program Total:	\$42,610

Proposed FY 2026 Hydrologic Data Collection Program

Station No.	Name	Total Cost	USGS	North Port
02299484	Big Slough WCS 101 NR North Port Charlotte	\$10,450	\$3,450	\$ 7,000
02299450	Big Slough at Tropicair Blvd. Nr N. Port	\$21,710	\$7,850	\$13,860
02299410	Big Slough Canal Nr Myakka City, FL	\$ 1,910	\$ 0	\$ 1,910
270428082042301	Yorkshire Street Raingage Nr NorthPort, FL	\$ 8,540	\$ 0	\$ 8,540
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>\$ 42,610</u>	<u>\$ 11,300</u>	<u>\$ 31,310</u>

Notes:

1. All costs include real-time data.
2. Costs include rain at all stations.
3. (02299410) Raingage on existing station.